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SUBJECT: DRAFT PROAG - BANGKOK DRUG ABUSE TREATMENT AND
TRAINING PROJECT

REFS: (A) BANGKOK 23007; (B) STATE 259849; (C) BRILLIANT-
FALCO LETTER OF 12/13/77; (D) GLADSON-FALCO LETTER OF
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1. DEPARTMENT SUGGESTS FOLLOWING CHANGES TO DRAFT PROAG
FORWARDED REF C:
 - A. PAGE 1, PARA 2 - SECOND SENTENCE IS INCOMPLETE.
FROM ORIGINAL BMHD PROPOSAL (FORWARDED REF D), IT APPEARS
THAT WORDING SHOULD BE QUOTE CONSIDERING THE DYNAMICS OF
HEROIN ABUSE AND THE HEALTH AND SOCIOECONOMIC DETERIORATION
ASSOCIATED WITH IT, WE CANNOT AFFORD THE LUXURY OF
EXTENDED TIME DELAYS UNQUOTE.
 - B. PAGE 6, FIRST FULL PARAGRAPH - OUR UNDERSTANDING IS
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THAT THE PILOT DETOXIFICATION PROJECT CARRIED OUT AT
HEALTH CENTER 16 WAS TERMINATED BY BMHD AT THE END OF 1976
DUE TO LACK OF FUNDS. WORDING OF THIS PARAGRAPH SHOULD BE
CHANGED TO REFLECT THIS.

C. PAGE 7, LINES 19 AND 20 - DRAFT PROAG STATES THAT
HEALTH CENTER 16 WILL TREAT 210 PATIENTS PER MONTH, WHILE
FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH STATES THAT OTHER CLINICS WILL TREAT

120 PER MONTH. SINCE ORIGINAL BMHD PROPOSAL INDICATED

EACH CLINIC WOULD DETOXYIFY 40 PATIENTS EVERY 10 DAYS, A MONTHLY THROUGHPUT OF 120 PATIENTS PER CLINIC APPEARS CORRECT. REFERENCE TO 210 PATIENTS PER MONTH AT HEALTH CENTER 16 PRESUMABLY A TYPOGRAPHIC ERROR.

2. OUR ORIGINAL STATEMENT (REF B) THAT US-BASED TRAINING OF BMHD AND OTHER RTG PERSONNEL COULD BEGIN JANUARY 1978 WAS BASED ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT NEW NIDA DRUG ABUSE TRAINING CENTER CONTRACT WOULD BE IMPLEMENTED BY END DECEMBER. HOWEVER, NEW CONTRACT NOW WILL NOT BE EFFECTIVE UNTIL LATE JANUARY 1978. THUS, SUBJECT TO NIDA CONFERENCE, IT APPEARS THAT TRAINING COULD BEGIN NO SOONER THAN LATE FEBRUARY.

3. DEPARTMENT HAS ASKED NIDA TO PREPARE DETAILED COST ESTIMATE FOR PROPOSED TRAINING OF 10 BMHD AND RTG PERSONNEL. NIDA ESTIMATE AND CONCURRENCE ON START DATE FOR

PROPOSED TRAINING WILL BE PROVIDED BY JANUARY 13.

4. FUNDS TO SUPPORT ALL COSTS OF TRAINING EXCEPT PARTICIPANT PER DIEM AND HEALTH INSURANCE WILL BE TRANSFER-

RED DIRECTLY TO NIDA BY S/NM. FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF UNCLASSIFIED

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\$26,500 WILL BE ALLOTTED TO MISSION FOR PARTICIPANT PER DIEM AND HEALTH INSURANCE AND SHOULD BE INCORPORATED INTO THE PROAG. TEXT OF PROAG SHOULD DISCUSS THE ASSOCIATED TRAINING PROGRAM AND INDICATE CLEARLY THAT ENTIRE PROJECT (INCLUDING TRAINING) IS CONTINGENT UPON RTG FUNDING OF INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL COSTS AND ANY OTHER CONDITIONS MISSION BELIEVES APPROPRIATE. THIS APPROACH SHOULD GIVE MISSION THE NEGOTIATING LEVERAGE MENTIONED REF B, PARA 3 WHILE SIMPLIFYING THE FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS. OF COURSE, FUNDING OF THE TRAINING COMPONENT AND TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO NIDA WILL BE CONTINGENT UPON THE NEGOTIATING OF AN ACCEPTABLE AGREEMENT WITH RTG.

5. FINAL APPROVAL OF PROAG CONTINGENT UPON S/NM REVIEW OF NIDA COST ESTIMATE. WE SUGGEST THAT MISSION PROCEED TO MAKE APPROPRIATE CHANGES BASED ON THE ABOVE AND HAVE FINAL DRAFT AGREEMENT REVIEWED BY BMHD AND DTEC. A FINAL DECISION ON THE PROJECT COULD THEN BE MADE WHILE S/NM TEAM IS IN BANGKOK FOLLOWING SINGAPORE NARCOTICS

COORDINATORS CONFERENCE.

6. FYI - IF THE TOTAL COST OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT
(INCLUDING THE TRAINING COMPONENT) EXCEEDS DOLLARS
100,000 (THE AMOUNT EARMARKED FOR THIS PROJECT IN OUR
FY 1978 CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET SUBMISSION), A PROGRAM
NOTIFICATION WILL HAVE TO BE SUBMITTED TO CONGRESS. CHRISTOPHER

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